UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON DIVISION

Kim Kingston,

Plaintiff,

v. : Case No. 1:15-cv-11536

Synchrony Bank : d/b/a JCPenney Credit Services, :

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Kim Kingston ("Plaintiff"), through her attorneys, Shaevel & Krems, LLP, alleges the following against Defendant, Synchrony Bank d/b/a JCPenney Credit Services ("Defendant"):

INTRODUCTION

1. This action is brought by Plaintiff pursuant to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 47 U.S.C. § 227.
- 3. Venue is proper pursuant before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) as the acts and transactions giving rise to this action occurred in this district as Plaintiff resides in this district and Defendant transactions business in this district.

PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Suffolk County in Dorchester, Massachusetts.
- 5. Defendant is a business entity incorporated in Delaware with an office located at 777 Long Ridge Rd., Stamford, CT 06902.
- 6. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 7. In 2014, Defendant began placing calls to (617) 595-87xx, Plaintiff's cellular telephone.
- 8. Upon information and good faith belief, based on the frequency, number, nature and character of these calls, Defendant placed them by using an automatic telephone dialing system ("dialer").
 - 9. Defendant called Plaintiff attempting to collect an alleged debt.
 - 10. These calls were for non-emergency purposes.
- 11. In or around November 2014, but before November 15, 2014, Plaintiff instructed Defendant to stop calling her.
- 12. Plaintiff revoked any consent, actual or implied, for Defendant to use a dialer to call her cellular telephone.
 - 13. Defendant continued to use a dialer to call Plaintiff's cellular telephone.
- 14. Since November 15, 2014, Defendant used a dialer to call Plaintiff's cellular telephone at least fifty-five (55) times.
 - 15. Defendant willfully and voluntarily used a dialer to place these calls.

- 16. Defendant intended to use a dialer to place these calls.
- 17. Defendant did not have Plaintiff's express consent to use a dialer to place these calls.

COUNT I TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

- 18. Defendant's actions alleged *supra* constitute numerous negligent violations of the TCPA, entitling Plaintiff to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages for each and every violation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).
- 19. Defendant's actions alleged *supra* constitute numerous and multiple knowing and/or willful violations of the TCPA, entitling Plaintiff to an award of \$1,500.00 in statutory damages for each and every violation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).

Wherefore, Plaintiff, Kim Kingston, respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, Synchrony Bank d/b/a JCPenney Credit Services for the following:

- A) Statutory damages of \$500.00 for each and every negligent violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(B).
- B) Statutory damages of \$1,500.00 for each and every knowing and/or willful violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(b) and 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(C).
- C) All court costs, witness fees and other fees incurred.
- D) Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, The Plaintiff, By Her Attorneys,

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